



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Project No. 943-117

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING  
COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Application Type: Non-project use of project lands and waters: water withdrawal
- b. Project No.: 943-117
- c. Date Filed: July 31, 2012
- d. Applicant: Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington
- e. Name of Project: Rock Island Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The proposed non-project use would be located on the Wenatchee River, near the confluence with the Columbia River.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Ms. Michelle Smith, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Licensing and Compliance Manager, 327 N. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801, (509) 661-4180
- i. FERC Contact: Ms. Andrea Claros, (202) 502-8171, [andrea.claros@ferc.gov](mailto:andrea.claros@ferc.gov)
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, is September 17, 2012.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE,

Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project number (P-943-117) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. Description of Request: The Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County requests Commission approval to authorize Pioneer Water Users Association (PWUA) to construct a new point of water diversion within the Rock Island Hydroelectric Project boundary, on the Wenatchee River, adjacent to the upstream side of the State Road 285 bridge. PWUA proposes to construct a pump intake, fish screen and pipeline. The new point of diversion would pump a maximum of 4.9 million gallons per day, from May to September to upstream agricultural lands. The pipeline would connect to a pump house and approximately 4 miles of pressurized pipe, outside of the project boundary. This new system would replace an existing 54-mile open ditch irrigation system. PWUA also proposes to remove an in-river diversion structure located north of the town of Monitor. The purpose of the new water diversion is to improve aquatic habitat conditions and increase instream flows in the Wenatchee River.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as

applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the amendment. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: August 31, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.